

### Labor Market Review

Statistical data report for March 2011, Released May 2011.

## Economic Growth Region 1

### Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in March. Thirty-four states recorded unemployment rate decreases, seven states registered rate increases, and nine states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported recently. Forty-four states and the District of Columbia posted unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, five states reported increases, and one state had no change. The national jobless rate was 8.8 percent in March, little changed from February but 0.9 percentage point lower than a year earlier.

### Regional and State Unemployment

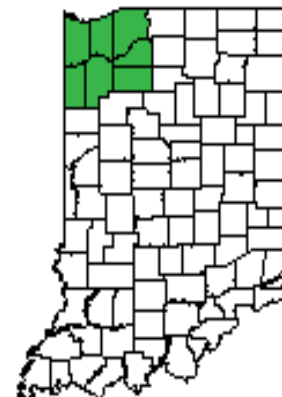
Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted), March 2011

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mar 2011 Rate	Feb 2011 Rate	Mar 2010 Rate
U.S.	153,022,000	138,962,000	14,060,000	9.2%	9.5%	10.2%
IN	3,102,418	2,829,840	272,578	8.8%	9.4%	11.4%
Gary Metro Div	317,816	288,590	29,226	9.2%	9.8%	11.6%
MichCity-LaP MSA	50,133	44,826	5,307	10.6%	11.2%	14.1%
EGR 1	384,867	348,655	36,212	9.4%	10.0%	12.0%
Lake County	215,942	195,282	20,660	9.6%	10.0%	12.0%
Porter County	80,141	73,816	6,325	7.9%	8.5%	10.2%
LaPorte County	50,133	44,826	5,307	10.6%	11.2%	14.1%
Newton County	6,615	5,869	746	11.3%	12.5%	14.1%
Jasper County	15,119	13,623	1,496	9.9%	11.3%	12.6%
Starke County	10,298	9,144	1,154	11.2%	12.2%	14.6%
Pulaski County	6,619	6,095	524	7.9%	8.3%	10.7%
Gary	33,106	29,646	3,460	10.5%	10.3%	12.3%
Hammond	31,377	28,268	3,109	9.9%	10.6%	13.7%
East Chicago	9,766	8,522	1,244	12.7%	12.7%	14.9%
Hobart	13,388	11,935	1,453	10.9%	11.8%	13.6%
Merrillville	16,282	14,823	1,459	9.0%	9.2%	10.4%
Michigan City	13,744	12,204	1,540	11.2%	11.5%	14.3%
Portage	17,792	16,089	1,703	9.6%	10.2%	11.7%
Schererville	15,028	13,930	1,098	7.3%	7.8%	9.5%
Valparaiso	14,988	13,894	1,094	7.3%	7.8%	9.5%
Crown Point	11,414	10,205	1,209	10.6%	10.9%	11.6%
LaPorte City	9,923	8,838	1,085	10.9%	11.4%	15.1%

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Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1 includes Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski Counties.



### U.S., Indiana, and Surrounding States Unemployment, Mar. 2011 (Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Rate
U.S.	8.8%
Illinois	8.8%
Indiana	8.5%
Kentucky	10.2%
Michigan	10.3%
Ohio	8.9%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Unemployment Rate Ranking (High to Low)

Rank Mar 2011	County	Rate Mar 2011
7	NEWTON	11.3%
10	STARKE	11.2%
19	LAPORTE	10.6%
30	JASPER	9.9%
40	LAKE	9.6%
72	PORTER	7.9%
73	PULASKI	7.9%

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to March 2011 from:

CPI Item	Mar 10	Feb 11	Mar 10	Feb 11
	<i>Midwest Region*</i>		<i>U.S. City</i>	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Food & Beverages	2.8%	0.8%	2.8%	0.6%
Housing	0.8%	0.2%	0.8%	0.2%
Apparel	-2.8%	1.3%	-0.6%	2.5%
Transportation	9.5%	3.6%	9.8%	3.9%
Medical Care	3.0%	0.1%	2.7%	0.2%
Recreation	0.3%	-0.4%	-0.1%	0.1%
Education & Communication	1.4%	-0.1%	1.1%	0.0%
Other Goods & Services	1.7%	0.1%	1.8%	0.1%

Note: CPI-U- Consumer Price Index-Urban

\*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

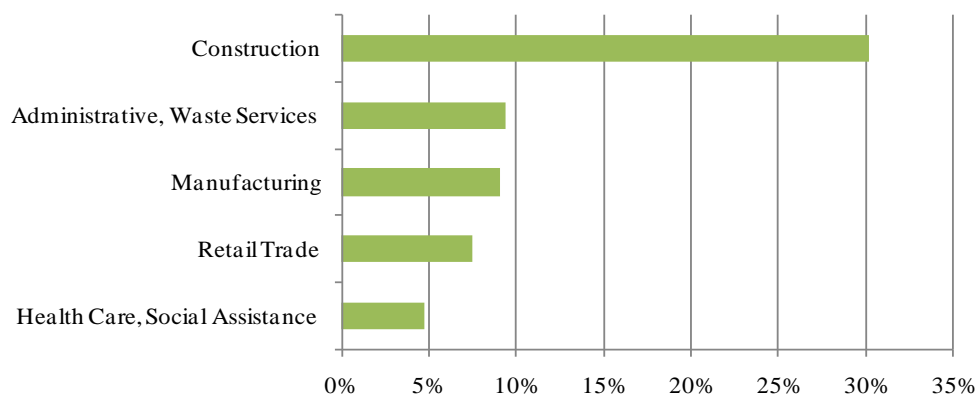
## Unemployment Claims for Region 1

Week End >>	3/5/2011	3/12/2011	3/19/2011	3/26/2011
<u>Initial Claims</u>				
Region 1	629	626	484	527
Indiana	5,374	4,746	4,219	4,521
<u>Continued Claims</u>				
Region 1	9,542	9,298	8,879	8,543
Indiana	78,434	76,519	73,621	70,588
<u>Total Claims</u>				
Region 1	10,171	9,924	9,363	9,070
Indiana	83,808	81,265	77,840	75,109

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

## Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top Five Industries in EGR 1, March 2011

### Distribution as a Percent of Total



Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

## WARN Notices for Region 1, March 2011

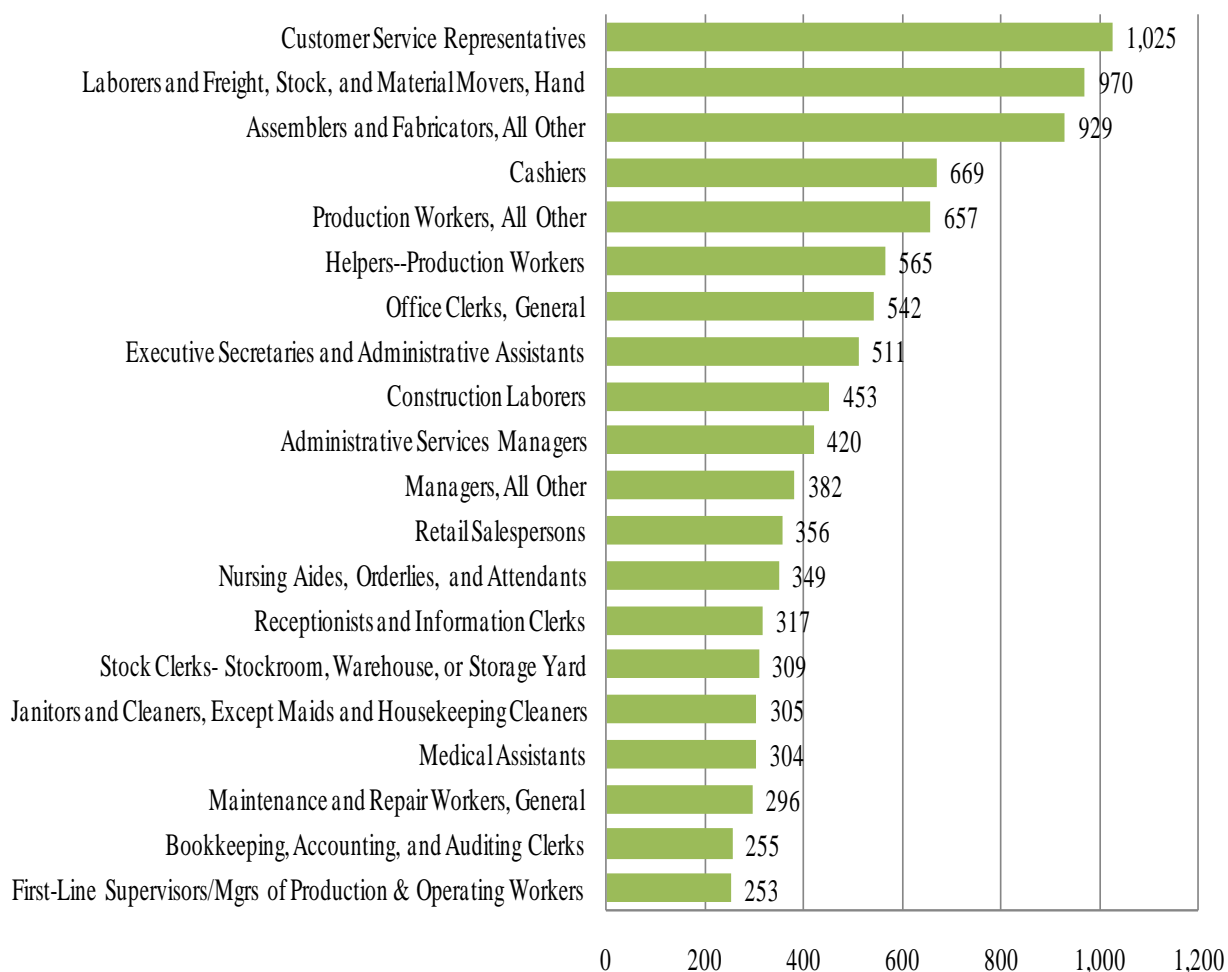
Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date

**There were no WARN notices for Region 1 for March 2011.**

Source: Hoosiers by the Numbers WARN Notices, Indiana Workforce Development, March 2011. For additional information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Fact Sheet at <http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>.

## Applicant Pool: Top Twenty Occupations Desired by Active Applicants on their Resumes in the Past Twelve Months

### Region 1 Applicant Pool



Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect Database

## Wage and Salaried Employment, March 2011

				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Mar 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2010	02/11-03/11	02/11-03/11	03/10-03/11	03/10-03/11
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	260,200	257,500	259,000	2,700	1.1%	1,200	0.5%
Total Private Employment	222,000	219,900	220,500	2,100	1.0%	1,500	0.7%
GOODS PRODUCING	50,000	48,700	48,700	1,300	2.7%	1,300	2.7%
---Mining & Logging	300	300	200	0	0.0%	100	50.0%
---Construction	16,200	15,200	14,800	1,000	6.6%	1,400	9.5%
---Manufacturing	33,500	33,200	33,700	300	0.9%	-200	-0.6%
Durable Goods	26,000	25,600	25,900	400	1.6%	100	0.4%
Primary Metal Mfg	17,200	16,900	17,400	300	1.8%	-200	-1.2%
Iron and Steel Mills	15,000	15,000	16,000	0	0.0%	-1,000	-6.3%
SERVICE PROVIDING	210,200	208,800	210,300	1,400	0.7%	-100	-0.1%
Private Service Providing	172,000	171,200	171,800	800	0.5%	200	0.1%
---Trade, Transp. & Utilities	53,100	53,000	53,500	100	0.2%	-400	-0.8%
Wholesale Trade	8,600	8,600	8,800	0	0.0%	-200	-2.3%
Retail Trade	31,300	31,200	31,600	100	0.3%	-300	-1.0%
Gen Merch Stores	6,000	6,000	6,300	0	0.0%	-300	-4.8%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	0.0%	-100	-3.0%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	13,200	13,200	13,100	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
---Information	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	0.0%	-100	-4.6%
---Financial Activities	8,400	8,400	8,700	0	0.0%	-300	-3.5%
---Professional & Business	20,100	20,000	19,200	100	0.5%	900	4.7%
Employment Services	3,000	2,800	2,400	200	7.1%	600	25.0%
---Educational & Health	47,800	47,700	46,800	100	0.2%	1,000	2.1%
Educational Services	8,100	8,000	7,400	100	1.3%	700	9.5%
Health Care/Social Assist.	39,700	39,700	39,400	0	0.0%	300	0.8%
Med/Surgical Hospitals	12,900	12,900	13,000	0	0.0%	-100	-0.8%
---Leisure & Hospitality	28,800	28,300	29,500	500	1.8%	-700	-2.4%
Arts/Entertnmt/Recn	6,500	6,300	6,800	200	3.2%	-300	-4.4%
Food Svcs/Drinkg Plcs	20,900	20,600	21,300	300	1.5%	-400	-1.9%
---Other Services	11,700	11,700	11,900	0	0.0%	-200	-1.7%
Government	38,200	37,600	38,500	600	1.6%	-300	-0.8%
---Federal Government	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	0.0%	-100	-4.8%
---State Government	4,700	4,600	4,600	100	2.2%	100	2.2%
State Govt Educ Svcs	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,300	1,200	1,300	100	8.3%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	31,500	31,000	31,800	500	1.6%	-300	-0.9%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	18,700	18,600	19,200	100	0.5%	-500	-2.6%
Local Govt excluding Educ Svcs	12,500	12,400	12,600	100	0.8%	-100	-0.8%
---Total State & Local Government	36,200	35,600	36,400	600	1.7%	-200	-0.6%

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

# Michigan City-LaPorte MSA

The Michigan City-LaPorte MSA is equivalent to all of LaPorte County, Indiana

## Wage and Salaried Employment, March 2011

Industry	Mar 11	Feb 11	Mar 10	Feb 11 to Mar 11		Mar 10 to Mar 11	
				Change	Percent Change	Change	Percent Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	42,200	41,800	41,500	400	1.0%	700	1.7%
Total Private Employment	35,100	34,900	34,100	200	0.6%	1,000	2.9%
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	9,200	9,000	8,800	200	2.2%	400	4.6%
---Mining, Logging, Construction	1,800	1,700	1,600	100	5.9%	200	12.5%
---Manufacturing	7,400	7,300	7,200	100	1.4%	200	2.8%
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	33,000	32,800	32,700	200	0.6%	300	0.9%
Private Service Providing	25,900	25,900	25,300	0	0.0%	600	2.4%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	0.0%	-100	-1.8%
---Information	400	400	500	0	0.0%	-100	-20.0%
---Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	2,900	2,900	2,500	0	0.0%	400	16.0%
---Educational & Health	6,100	6,200	5,900	-100	-1.6%	200	3.4%
---Leisure & Hospitality	5,100	5,000	4,900	100	2.0%	200	4.1%
---Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	0.0%	-100	-5.6%
Government	7,100	6,900	7,400	200	2.9%	-300	-4.1%
---Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,300	2,200	2,400	100	4.6%	-100	-4.2%
State Govt Educ Svcs	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	0.0%	-100	-5.6%
---Local Government	4,600	4,500	4,800	100	2.2%	-200	-4.2%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	2,800	2,700	2,900	100	3.7%	-100	-3.5%
Local Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,800	1,800	2,000	0	0.0%	-200	-10.0%
---Total State & Local Government	6,900	6,700	7,200	200	3.0%	-300	-4.2%

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## **College Enrollment and Work Activity of 2010 High School Graduates**

*(Excerpted from the Bureau of Labor Statistics report released April 2011)*

### ***Introduction***

In October 2010, 68.1 percent of 2010 high school graduates were enrolled in colleges or universities, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported recently. Recent high school graduates not enrolled in college in October 2010 were more likely than enrolled graduates to be working or looking for work (76.6 percent compared with 40.0 percent). Information on school enrollment and work activity is collected monthly in the Current Population Survey (CPS), a nationwide survey of about 60,000 households that provides information on employment and unemployment.

### ***Recent High School Graduates and Dropouts***

For 2010 high school graduates, the college enrollment rate was 74.0 percent for young women and 62.8 percent for young men. The college enrollment rate of Asians (84.0 percent) was higher than for recent white (68.6 percent), black (61.4 percent), and Hispanic (59.6 percent) graduates. Among recent high school graduates enrolled in college in October 2010, 90.4 percent were full-time students. Recent graduates enrolled as full-time students were about half as likely to be in the labor force (36.7 percent) as were their peers enrolled part time (71.3 percent).

About six in 10 recent high school graduates who were enrolled in college attended Four-year institutions. Of these students, 32.0 percent participated in the labor force, compared with 52.4 percent of recent graduates enrolled in Two-year colleges. The unemployment rate for recent high school graduates not enrolled in school was 33.4 percent, compared with 22.8 percent for recent graduates enrolled in college.

The labor force participation rate (the proportion of the population working or looking for work) for recent high school dropouts (53.9 percent) was lower than for recent high school graduates not enrolled in college (76.6 percent). The jobless rate for recent high school dropouts was 42.7 percent, compared with 33.4 percent for recent high school graduates not enrolled in college.

### ***All Youth not Enrolled in School***

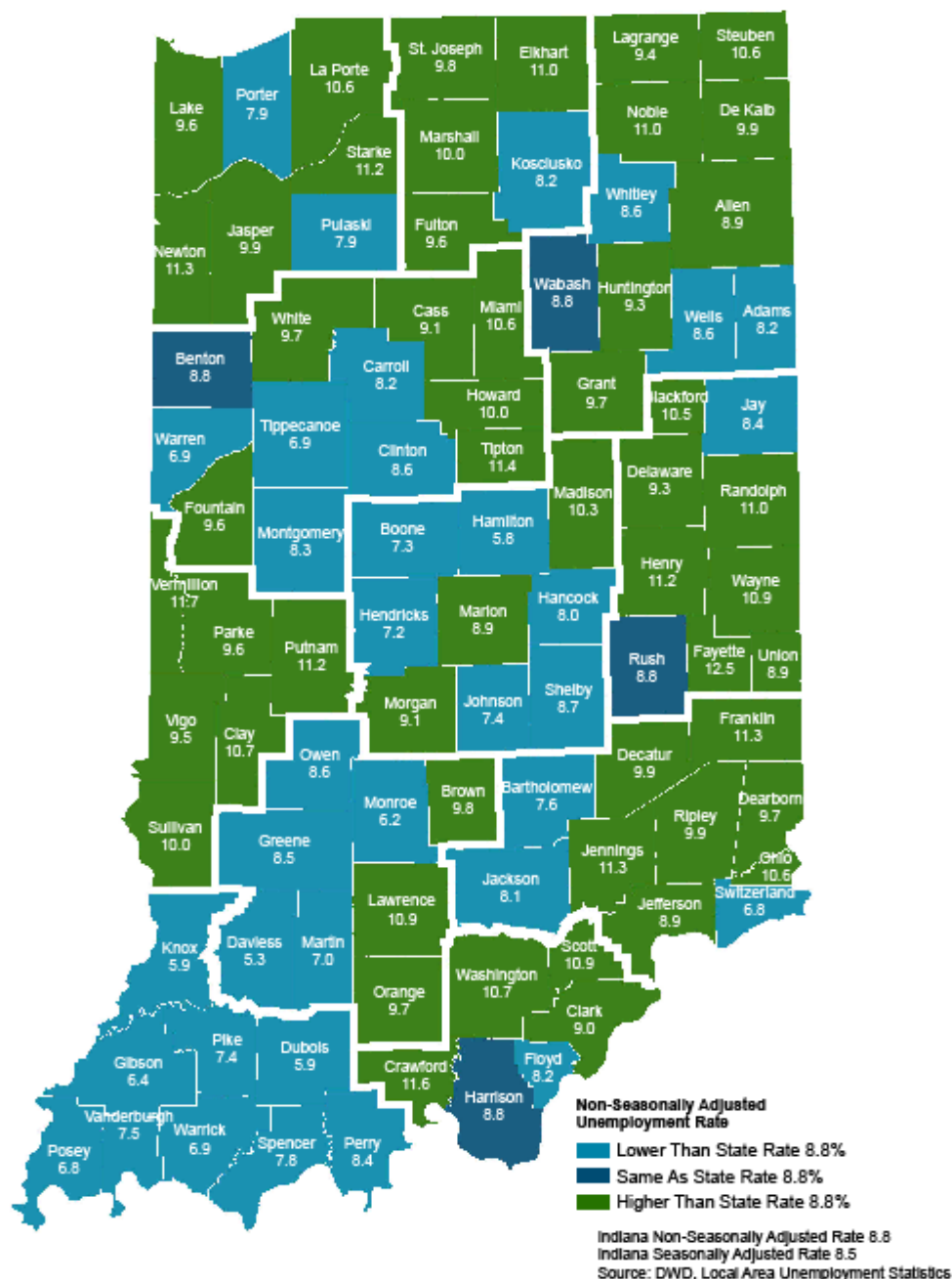
For 2010 In October 2010, 15.9 million persons age 16 to 24 were not enrolled in any school. The labor force participation rate of youth not enrolled in school was little changed from a year earlier at 79.4 percent in October 2010. Among youth not enrolled in school in October 2010, men continued to be more likely than women to participate in the labor force -- 83.7 percent compared with 74.8 percent. Labor force participation rates for not-enrolled men and women were highest for college graduates and lowest for those with less than a high school diploma.

The unemployment rate for youths age 16 to 24 not enrolled in any school fell from 20.3 percent in October 2009 to 18.7 percent in October 2010. Among the educational attainment categories, unemployment rates for youth not in school were in October 2010 highest for those without a high school diploma -- 27.7 percent for young men and 31.4 percent for young women. In contrast, the jobless rates for young male and female college graduates were 9.9 percent and 9.3 percent, respectively. Black youth not enrolled in school had an unemployment rate of 30.0 percent in October 2010, higher than the rates for their white (16.2 percent), Asian (20.8 percent), and Hispanic (20.8 percent) counterparts.

For a page linking to the full report including data tables please visit the BLS website:

[http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/hsgec\\_04082011.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/hsgec_04082011.htm)

# County Unemployment Rates March 2011 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



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